

Baltimore, October 10th, 1906.

The Board of Public Works of Maryland met, this day, at 2 p. m., in the office of the Governor, Fidelity Building, Baltimore. Present: Governor Warfield, Comptroller Atkinson and Treasurer Vandiver.

On motion of General Vandiver, seconded by Dr. Atkinson, it was resolved that the following be appointed Deputy Commanders of the State Fishery Force, in command of the various local boats; the service of each man named to begin on November 1st, 1906.

William E. Thomas for the Chester River

William W. Flowers for the Choptank River,

Warren L. Lankford, for the Pocomoke Sound,

Solomon T. Bradshaw for the Manokin River,

John T. Gibson for the Tred-Avon River,

John H. Rogers for Herring Bay,

Richard P. Insley for the Honga River and Hollins Straights.

On motion of General Vandiver, seconded by Dr. Atkinson, it was resolved that the Commander of the State Fishery Force be instructed to hire a boat for the Tred-Avon River for a sum not exceeding \$30 per month; said hire to be paid, under the Act of 1906, by the County Commissioners.

On motion of Treasurer Vandiver, seconded by Comptroller Atkinson, it was resolved that the Commander of the State Fishery Force be authorized to appoint S. S. Todd, Mount Vernon, Somerset County, to do extra work as Local Deputy Commander in the Straights of Tangier Sound, and that he be paid at the rate of \$50.00 per month for his services; and that the Commander be authorized to employ, whenever necessary, a Deputy Commander in the Little Choptank River for such period as he may deem advisable, and that he report to the Board the name of the person he shall so appoint.

On motion of Comptroller Atkinson, seconded by Treasurer Vandiver, the following was unanimously adopted:

"WHEREAS, Captain Thomas C. B. Howard, Commander of the State Fishery Force, reports to this Board of Public Works that the number of Inspectors authorized by the Act of 1906 is insufficient to adequately enforce the Cull Law on the Bars and in the packing

houses, and in order to effectively execute the law it will be necessary to employ a number of additional inspectors, and

"WHEREAS, Commander Howard requests the Board of Public Works of Maryland to authorize him to employ these additional Inspectors, and to direct the payment of their salaries in the usual way, and he states that it is absolutely necessary to have these additional Inspectors, and without them the Law cannot be successfully enforced.

"THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Commander of the State Fishery Force is hereby authorized to employ the additional Inspectors needed for the enforcement of the Law, not to exceed in any event ten, and that they be paid at the rate of \$45 per month, their compensation to be charged to the Oyster Fund, and the Commander to report to this Board the names of the men so appointed, with the dates of their appointment."

The Governor presented the following communication:

September 18/06.

To the Honorable, Edwin Warfield,  
Governor, State of Maryland.

Sir:

This Association is appreciative ~~and~~ of the earnest endeavor made by you during the last Oyster season to correct some of the conditions that were inimical to the general good of the industry.

We feel that you will co-operate with us further in this matter which yet needs much attention, and as the members of our Association are practical men, whose long connection with the industry in many and various capacities has given them opinions that might well be of service to the State Fishery Force, we earnestly ask you in the interest of all concerned to arrange for a meeting between your Board of Public Works and at which the Commander be present and a body of the members of this Association, which we feel would lead to a mutual co-operation that would be of great good.

Suit the time for such a meeting to your own convenience and that of Commander Howard, giving us ample time to notify our members.

With thanks for your courtesies in the past, we are,

Yours most respectfully,  
The Baltimore Oyster Packers Association,  
W. H. Killian, Sec.

whereupon on motion of the Comptroller, the Governor was instructed to have an interview with Mr. Killian in order to discuss the arrangements and fix a date for the meeting requested by the Baltimore Oyster Packers Association.

Comptroller Atkinson, seconded by Treasurer Vandiver, offered the following resolution, which was unanimously adopted.

"Whereas the Board of Public Works during the last Oyster season was frequently informed by citizens, of numerous violations of the Oyster Law, and, in some cases, neglect of duty on the part of the officers of the State Fishery Force:

Resolved, that the Governor be instructed to warn all officials of the State Fishery Force that the Board of Public Works will hold all officers and men of the Force to a strict performance of their duty, and that the law must be enforced by constant attention to duty, and all charges will be rigidly investigated and any dereliction of duty severely punished."

On motion, the Board at 2.30 p. m., adjourned.

R. S. Hart, Acting Secretary,



Secretary.